

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1-15 have been cancelled without prejudice as shown:

Listing of Claims:

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) A source transmitter, comprising:

an interface to a communications link;

a memory; and

a logic circuit to transmit an announcement stored in said memory, wherein said announcement comprises an attribute to announce metadata that provides information about at least one available video program or enhancement to be received at a client receiver.

17. (Original) The source transmitter of claim 16, wherein said announcement is compliant with an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum (ATVEF) standard.

18. (Original) The source transmitter of claim 17, wherein said announcement conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP).

19. (Original) The source transmitter of claim 16, wherein said announcement comprises an identifier for said metadata.

20. (Original) The source transmitter of claim 19, wherein said identifier comprises a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID).

21. (Original) The source transmitter of claim 16, wherein said announcement comprises a network address for a database having stored therein said metadata.

22. (Original) The source transmitter of claim 21, wherein said network address comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

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23. (Original) The source transmitter of claim 16, wherein said logic circuit transmits said metadata after said announcement has been transmitted.

24. (Original) A machine readable medium comprising:
a software routine to cause a logic circuit to transmit an announcement including an attribute to announce metadata that provides information about at least one available video program or enhancement for receiving at a client receiver.

25. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 24, wherein said announcement is compliant with an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum (ATVEF) standard.

26. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein said announcement conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP).

27. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 24, wherein said announcement comprises an identifier for said metadata.

28. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 27, wherein said identifier comprises a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID).

29. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 24, wherein said announcement comprises a network address for a database having stored therein said metadata.

30. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 29, wherein said network address comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

31. (New) A source transmitter adapted a client receiver over a communication link, comprising:
means for storing an announcement; and

means for transmitting said announcement over the communication link, said announcement comprises an attribute to announce metadata that provides information about at least one available video program or enhancement to be received at the client receiver.

32. (New) The source transmitter of claim 31, wherein said announcement comprises an identifier for said metadata.

33. (New) The source transmitter of claim 32, wherein said identifier comprises a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID).

34. (New) The source transmitter of claim 31, wherein said announcement comprises a network address for a database having stored therein said metadata.

35. (New) The source transmitter of claim 31, wherein said means for transmitting said announcement transmits said metadata after said announcement has been transmitted.